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Application No.: 09/942,881	Examiner: D.A. Walls
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For: OXIDANT/CATALYST NANOPARTICLES TO REDUCE CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE MAINSTREAM SMOKE OF A CIGARETTE	

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Written Opinion for PCT/US02/27407 dated September 3, 2003.

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